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TAGS: PINS, AR, IT, XGY
SUBJECT: MONTONEROS DISCLAIM MORO KIDNAPPING INVOLVEMENT

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A BRIEF DOCUMENT PURPORTING
TO BE FROM THE MONTONEROS AND DISCLAIMING ANY INVOLVEMENT
IN THE ALDO MORO KIDNAPPING AND ANY CONNECTION WITH THE
RED BRIGADES. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: IN THE LIGHT OF NEWS REPORTED IN LOCAL NEWS-
PAPERS, THE MONTONERO PARTY THROUGH ITS PRESS
SECRETARY, STATES THAT:

1) THE MONTONERO PARTY DENIES ANY CONNECTION
WITH THE KIDNAPPING OF MR. ALDO MORO,
PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC
PARTY.

2) THE MONTONERO PARTY HAS NEVER HAD AND DOES NOT
HAVE ANY CONNECTION OR AGREEMENTS WITH RED BRIGADES GROUPS.
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3) THE MONTONERO PARTY DENOUNCES A DEFAMATORY CAMPAIGN BY
THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP OF THE ARMED FORCES HAVING THE
PURPOSE OF ISOLATING US FROM INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES TOWARD
SOLIDARITY AMONG THE PEOPLES AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES,
ESPECIALLY IN WESTERN EUROPE.

QUOTE: TO ACHIEVE THIS END COMMUNIQUE SUPPOSEDLY ORIGINATED IN THE MONTONERO ORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE MEDIA IN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING: THE KIDNAPPING OF TWO FRENCH NUNS (IT TOOK PLACE IN BUENOS AIRES AND THE ARMED FORCES INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS) AND OUR DIRECT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE GERMAN BAADER-MEINHOF GROUPS, AS WELL AS OUR ENLISTING IN AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "THE INTERNATIONAL OF TERROR." THISTYPE OF COMMUNIQUE IS PREPARED BY THE UNFORTUNATELY WELL-KNOWN SECURITY FORCES OF ARGENTINA, WHICH DEPEND FROM THE ARMED FORCES. THE MONTONERO PARTY EMPHATICALLY REJECTS THOSE CHARGES.

QUOTE: ON THE CONTRARY, OUR PARTY MAINTAINS THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES: NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES; THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLES IN THE BUILDING OF THEIR OWN FUTURE; THE FULL ENFORCEMENT OF DEMOCRACY; AND CONSIDERS THAT ONLY THE GREAT POPULAR MAJORITIES ARE THE DETERMINING FACTORS IN THE SOCIO-POLITICAL MOVEMENTS OF EVERY COUNTRY AND NOT THE SMALL, ISOLATED GROUPS WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIVITY.

QUOTE: THESE GENERAL GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN EXACTED BY THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY AND LATER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUMMED UP BY THE MONTONERO PARTY.

QUOTE: AT THE BEGINNING THE PARTY WAS A POLITICO-MILITARY ORGANIZATION AND LATER IT BECAME THE PARTIDO MONTONERO; IT HAS POPULAR AND NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS, AS IT IS SHPED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PERONIST PARTY, WHICH IMPLIES THE FACT THAT OUR OBJECTIVES ARE ALSO SOCIAL JUSTICE, POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, HIGHLIGHTS OF AN AUTENTICALLY DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. BUT IN THE FACE OF THE AGGRESION THAT OUR PEOPLE SUFFER FROM THE ARMED FORCES WHO ARE IMPLEMENTING A TOTALLY REPRESSIVE ATTITUDE, WE MUST ANSWER BACK FIGHTING WITH EVERY WEAPON AT OUR DISPOSAL.

QUOTE: TO EMPHASIZE THIS ATTITUDE, WE REITERATE THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING IN OUR COUNTRY:

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QUOTE: PERMANENT AND METHODICAL VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS; VERY LOW SALARIES; UNEMPLOYMENT; ECONOMIC RECESSION; CONSTANT INFLATION; REPRESSION OF EVERY FORM OF EXPRESSION BE IT POLITICAL, FROM TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS; STUDENT GROUPS, SOCIAL OR CULTURAL BY MEANS OF TERROR.

QUOTE: IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, WE HAVE ADOPTED THE LINE OF THOUGHT OF THE THIRD WORLD IN THE POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL SPHERES, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF NEWS WHICH WE DO BY MEANS OF THE SECRETARIAT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HAS THE OBJECTIVE OF INFORMING ON THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN OUR COUNTRY TO OBTAIN THE SOLIDARITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WITH THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE, WHICH IS TODAY OPERATING IN THE RESISTENCE.

QUOTE: IN CLOSING WE ONCE AGAIN STATE HOW SORRY WE ARE ABOUT THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN ITALY DUE TO THE KIDNAPPING OF MR. ALDO MORO, A FACT THAT WE DO NOT EITHER JUSTIFY NOR TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND WE BEG YOU TO PLEASE GIVE PUBLICITY TO SAID COMMUNIQUE. UNQUOTE.
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3. APPARENTLY PERSONALLY WRITTEN SIGNATURE AT END IS THAT OF "J. GELMAN." (NOTE: JUAN GELMAN ACTS AS EUROPEAN SPOKESMAN FOR THE MONTONEROS -- HIS MOST RECENT PRONOUNCEMENT OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE WAS ON APRIL 5 IN MADRID.)

HE SIGNS AS "PRESS SECRETARY GENERAL" OF THE "SECRETARIAT
OF PRESS" OF THE "MONTONERO PARTY." ENVELOPE IN WHICH WE
RECEIVED THE COMMUNICATION WAS CERTIFIED AND MAILED IN
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